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This is responsive to the Brief on Appeal filed 03-13-00. The brief does not contain arguments of the appellant with respect to each of the issues presented for review in 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6), and the basis therefor, with citations of the authorities, statutes, and parts of the record relied on as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(8).

The brief does not contain, for each rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, an argument which specifies errors in the rejection and how the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is complied with, including how the specification and drawings, if any, describe the subject matter defined by each of the rejected claims. See the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the final rejection mailed 09-13-99.

The brief does not contain, for each rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, an argument which specifies the errors in the rejection and how the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. See the first and second full paragraphs on page 4 of the final rejection mailed 09-13-99.

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APPELLANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.192(C). Each issue should be treated under a separate heading.


To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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